

PALOS VERDES BULLETIN

Published by the Palos Verdes Homes Association, Palos Verdes Estates, California

VOLUME 6

APRIL 1930

NUMBER 4



BIRD HOUSES MADE BY BOYS OF THE MALAGA COVE SCHOOL
Second from right, Melroy Hodge (1st prize); on his right, Spencer Moeller and Richard Yarnell (2nd prize); third from left, Jack Wallace (3rd prize)

BIRDS INVITED TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

Birds will be extended a special invitation to make their homes this year in the grounds at Malaga Cove School. All winter the boys in the manual training department were busy with saw and hammer building suitable homes for their prospective guests. The houses are now finished and ready to be put up around the school grounds where with open doors they will extend the hospitality of the school to feathered visitors.

Before starting the houses, the boys made a thorough investigation into the habits and tastes of the various birds, in order that the proper homes might be provided. The appropriate size of nesting space, the placing of perches, and the size and placing of openings were all carefully considered. The design and finish of the houses were original with the boys.

Three community houses have been provided for birds of the martin type. One of these houses, designed and built by two of the boys working together, is modeled after one wing of the school house. The other houses are of the blue bird and wren type. The design and workmanship of all the houses show the pride and interest taken by the boys.

Prizes, consisting of three books on birds, were

given by Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip to the three boys who made the best houses. Melroy Hodge received the first prize; Spencer Moeller and Richard Yarnell combined their efforts to take the second, and Jack Wallace received the third. Mr. Vanderlip, Mrs. W. Ayles and Mr. C. H. Cheney were the judges. Mr. Vanderlip plans to make the bird house competition an annual affair at Malaga Cove School.

* * *

JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB

Arbor Day, March 7, marked the completion of another year of wonderful plant growth at Palos Verdes Estates. In honor of the day, the Junior Garden Club of Malaga Cove School with Thomas DeWitt as chairman, sponsored an appropriate program of exercises.

One of the fine traditions of the school was preserved by the planting of a redwood tree by members of this Club. Mr. George Gibbs gave an interesting talk on the future possibilities of our school and community.

Jason Cedarholm told of the history and founding of Arbor Day and Roger Dorr, who has a keen interest in nature study, gave an account of the *Sequoia*, the Redwood Tree.

One of the recent interesting school activities has been the construction of a tile fish pond by mem-

(Continued on page six)

PALOS VERDES BULLETIN

Publication Office
75 MALAGA COVE PLAZA
PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA
Los Angeles Office
501 LANE MORTGAGE BLDG.
Eighth and Spring Streets

Published by Palos Verdes Homes Association, a non-stock, non-profit, community organization, in which every building site in the 3225 acres of Palos Verdes Estates has one vote; incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

Mailed to any address upon request.

This publication is not copyrighted and permission is given to reprint anything appearing in it.

* * *

News notes and items of interest should be in the hands of the editors not later than the fifteenth of the previous month.

"California's Outstanding Residential Community"

MY LITTLE PLACE

If I had a little house in a little country lane
With flowers that bloomed in the sun and the rain,
With a few big trees, and birds and a dog,
A clear little spring with a speckled frog.

And a cute little walk, with marigold,
Larkspur, flags, and tulips, bold,
With honeysuckle climbing over the door,
And a pussy cat sleeping on the wide porch floor.

With a gate-legged table, and honey for tea,
A little silver teapot for you and me,
A bone for the dog, and cream for the cat—
Oh—I think I should be happy if I had all that.

By Lillian Sue Keech, from the *Roland Park Company's Magazine*, by permission.

IN APPRECIATION

The following letter expresses very happily and graciously the appreciation felt by all residents, owners and well-wishers of Palos Verdes Estates:

PALOS VERDES ART JURY
PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA

Mr. Jay Lawyer, General Manager,
Palos Verdes Project,
503 Lane Mortgage Building,
Los Angeles, California.

February 28, 1930.

Dear Mr. Lawyer:

Many residents of our community have taken pains to express to me their deep appreciation of the gift by you of the beautiful Neptune Fountain for the great project which you so ably represent. They liked the simple and dignified manner in which you made the presentation and they felt honored and unusually complimented in having Lt. Governor Carnahan and the distinguished representatives of the Italian government, of the county and neighboring cities, and of the American Institute of Architects pay such fulsome respect not only to the fountain as a work of art, but to the stimulus to civic embellishment which it will undoubtedly have upon other communities of this part of the world.

The members of the Art Jury themselves, personally, also desire me to express at this time their appreciation of the high-mindedness of this gift to the community. In accepting its custody they would like you to understand something of the respect they have come to have for your courage and vision in carrying forward the plans for Palos Verdes, and their appreciation of the opportunity to work with you for the community ideals which you have set up.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Chas. H. Cheney,
Secretary.

* * *

TWO HONOR AWARDS

The Southern California chapter of the American Institute of Architects has just announced the honor awards for 1927-1929. Two of them fall to



ENTRANCE LOGGIA AND PATIO AT THE BUCHANAN RESIDENCE, AGAIN THE RECIPIENT OF AN HONOR AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE



RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. MARTIN L. MAYER
Granvia Miraleste, Miraleste

Palos Verdes Estates. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Buchanan was given first prize for residences of seven to fifteen rooms, and La Venta received honorable mention among hotel and apartment buildings. Over two hundred nominations in the various classes were submitted to the judges, who were C. Herrick Hammond and James Monroe Hewlett, President and Vice-President of the Institute, respectively, and Clarence A. Tantau, architect of San Francisco.

Five large photographs of each prize winner were placed on exhibit in the Los Angeles Public Library during the latter part of March.

* * *

A FRAGRANT GLADIOLUS!

"Sometime we shall have a blue rose, and sometime we shall have a fragrant gladiolus!"—this has been the dream of the horticulturist for many years. And now comes E. P. Zimmerman of Carlsbad in San Diego County with the first really fragrant "glad", exhibited at the National Midwinter Flower Show recently at Encinitas. Of peculiar interest to us is that the grower has signally honored one of the most prominent clubwomen of Palos Verdes Estates, whose home was built some years ago near Malaga Cove Plaza, Mrs. Irving J. Gill, by calling his wonderful creation "Marion Gill."

It is the result of a cross between Scarlet Princess, a large red "glad," and *Gladiolus tristis*, called "Avendbloom" or evening flower by the Boers of its South African home, a small yellow blossom not unlike a freesia, but fragrant. Many tedious selections from thousands of seedlings and six years of work brought the epoch-making result. Some of the intermediate seedlings were on exhibit at the Land Show in Los Angeles in March.

PICKING WILD FLOWERS IS UNLAWFUL

All lovers of the natural beauty of the California countryside, and all who appreciate the efforts being made to maintain and increase this by artificial plantings, will applaud the recent action of the County Board of Supervisors, at the recommendation of the County Forester, making the picking of wild flowers unlawful (Ordinance 1647 N.S.). The Homes Association has been prompt to stand behind this action of the County government:

Board of Supervisors,
Hall of Records,
Los Angeles, California.
Gentlemen:

March 18, 1930.

Permit us to extend to your honorable body our congratulations and assurances of cordial cooperation in the matter of your recent ordinance making it unlawful to pick wild flowers anywhere in the County, without permission of the owner of the property.

The Board of Directors of the Palos Verdes Homes Association at its meeting on March 12th unanimously passed a resolution applauding this action, and authorized placing of signs quoting the ordinance at various places in Palos Verdes Estates, both in the parks and parkings, where we have had considerable trouble in the past through the thoughtless depredations of a certain selfish section of the public.

Very truly,
Palos Verdes Homes Association.
(Signed) Everett M. York
Secretary and Manager.

* * *

OLMSTED BROTHERS HONORED

The following letter, recently received by Olmsted Brothers, indicates how highly this firm is esteemed in its original home. The recent election of Mr. George Gibbs of Olmsted Brothers' Palos Verdes Office to the Presidency of the Pacific Coast Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Ar-



THE CHANGES WROUGHT BY A YEAR'S PASSING AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. C. H. BAYLY,
GRANVIA LA COSTA EAST, MALAGA COVE

chitects, shows also the firm's standing in the West.

MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
300 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE
BOSTON, MASS.

Olmsted Brothers,
Brookline, Mass. December 20, 1929.
Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Trustees of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, at a meeting held Monday, December 16, voted unanimously to award you a special Centennial Gold Medal. The vote read as follows:

This medal is awarded to Olmsted Brothers for their work in raising the standard of landscape architecture and especially in the development of public parks. There is hardly a corner of the country where their influence has not been felt.

As you know, only one hundred of these centennial medals were struck and they have been awarded with great care. Your medal will be sent to you as soon as it has been engraved.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) E. I. Farrington
Secretary

* * *

A PALOS VERDES DIRECTORY

The taking of the Federal census, as of April 1st, seems an appropriate time to make up a directory of all those who live or do business in Palos Verdes Estates. This directory, consisting of name, address and lot number, is nearly completed; all that remains is to check certain of the names and make



sure that recent arrivals, whether owners or renters, are included. This is being done wherever possible by telephone inquiry. The Homes Association by recent action of the Board of Directors, has undertaken to sponsor this as a useful community activity and it will be made available to the public as soon as possible.

* * *

Postal receipts totaled \$5,008.16 at Palos Verdes Estates post office for the year 1929, compared with \$4,086.99 for the year before.

LA VENTA NOTES

Sunday, February 16th, the day of the dedication of the fountain of Neptune in Malaga Cove Plaza, was the busiest day that La Venta has yet experienced. More than seven hundred people, the majority of whom remained for dinner, enjoyed the beauties of the Inn on an afternoon that was perfect in its delightful warm sunshine and the clearness of the air.

Anyone who turns the pages of the massive guest register at La Venta cannot but be impressed by the medley of place-names that follow the signatures. During a two weeks' period in the middle of February, for example, every section of California was represented and nearly every state from Auburn, Me., to Portland, Ore. Pittsburgh with its Sewickley and Homestead, Philadelphia with its Reading, New York with its White Plains and Richmond Hill, Boston with its Brookline, Chicago with its Evanston, Winnetka and Lake Forest, and Cleveland with its Elyria and Youngstown were all there. So were the twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Dallas and Fort Worth, Indianapolis and Fort Wayne. The rural quiet of Woodstock, Vt., Darien, Conn., and Harper's Ferry, W. Va., was balanced by such "roaring towns" as Detroit and Cincinnati, St. Louis and Kansas City, Des Moines and Milwaukee. Tucson, Ariz., and Amarillo, Tex., spoke for the desert; Denver and Boulder, Colo., and Butte, Mont., for the Rockies; and Davenport, Ia., Topeka, Kan., and Tulsa, Okla., for the great plains. From Spokane and Centralia, Wash., in the northwest through Washington, D. C., to Portsmouth, N. H., in the northeast the kaleidoscope circled, presenting in



PLANTING THE REDWOOD TREE ON ARBOR DAY

turn Wheeling, W. Va., Paterson, Montclair and Plainfield, N. J., Dedham and Winchester, Mass., Syracuse, N. Y., Wichita, Kan., Jackson, Mich., Canton, O., and Kokomo, Ind. Canada included both Vancouver and Toronto, with London, Ont., for good measure. Among other foreign centers were Paris and Versailles, Vienna, Venice, Madrid and Buenos Aires, Manila and Yokohama—and all this in the space of only two weeks!



HOME OF MR. AND MRS. WM. WOOSLEY, VIA LARGAVISTA, VALMONTE
The trees and shrubbery have made a splendid growth in four years

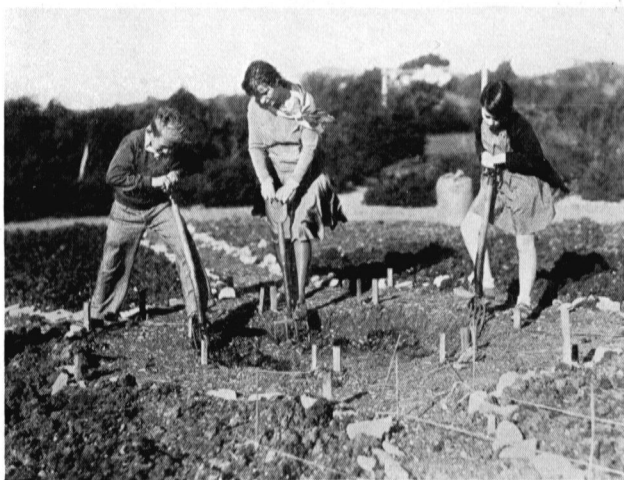


THE CHILDREN'S MINUET AT THE FOURTH ANNUAL COLONIAL BALL, FEBRUARY 22ND, IN THE MALAGA COVE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

(Continued from page one)

bers of the Junior Garden Club, with the assistance of Mr. Morton of the Palos Verdes Nursery. Representing the club, the pool was dedicated to future Junior Garden Clubs and presented to Malaga Cove School by Jane Low. Boyd Comstock accepted the pool on behalf of the school and commended the work of the Junior Garden Club. A fine collection of goldfish were brought for the pool by Lura Maree Gard, also a member of the club.

An announcement was made by Mrs. Roedel regarding the shrubbery-naming contest at the school to take place over a period of two weeks from March 10 to March 21. Sixty-three trees, shrubs and plants on the school grounds have been labeled with the botanical and local name, together with the name of the native country of each variety. On the day of the contest the plant names will be replaced with numbers and every child in school will be given the opportunity to compete in naming them. Keen interest is shown in this contest, as Mr. Howard S. Dean has very generously offered a fine prize to the contestant who can correctly name the greatest number of trees, plants and shrubs on the grounds.



HOW THE MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB BUILT THE FISH POND WHICH IS THE CENTRAL FEATURE OF THE GARDEN AT MALAGA COVE SCHOOL

AROUND THE COURSE WITH JIM FISKE V

A long drive uphill, a brassie, and then a stiff pitch. As you stand on the tee, the fairway stretches green and invitingly before you, a gentle upward slope that looks rather narrow, the eucalyptus trees on either hand ever waiting for a hook or slice. This fairway is, however, really not so narrow as it first appears, the height of the trees giving it the shoe-string appearance. To obtain a par on this hole calls not only for two very accurate wood shots, but also a well-placed pitch to enable one to get down in two putts. A misguided approach shot will put your ball either in the deep trap to the left, or if played too strong it will roll over the green into a deep, grassy arroyo.

"It is an easy hole to get on in three, but a mighty tough one to reach in two," in the opinion of Darsie L.



AT THE COLONIAL BALL
Misses Rachel DeNick, Rosalie Wilson and Eleanor Wilson

Darsie, and even if you are fortunate enough to be safely on the green in three, then you are confronted with the problem of getting down in two putts. This green is one of the most treacherous to be found in a round of golf anywhere. It is long and narrow, and drops away quite sharply towards





TAKING YOUR SECOND SHOT ON THE UPHILL FAIRWAY OF THE FIFTH

the front, making it easy to take three putts from almost any place above the cup.

This hole played from the back tee is one of the finest par five holes to be found in the West, and its

fairway is one of the most beautiful on the Palos Verdes course.

* * *

GOLF EVENTS

This is the first year the club has participated in the Southern California Group golf matches. Our first match of the season, with the Long Beach Country Club (winners of the group in 1929) at Long Beach, February 9th, turned out to be disastrous. We won only one game out of the nine played, and the winning team, Palmer and Dilley, were forced to the 21st hole before recording the victory. After the match, we were guests of the



APPROACHING THE FIFTH GREEN

GOLF CALENDAR

April 1—Ladies' Day—No greens fees—Golf, Luncheon, Bridge.

April 6 and 20—Semi-Monthly Tournament—Two prizes.

Every Sunday—Blind Bogey Tournament.

Every Tuesday—Ladies' Day.



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE FIFTH FAIRWAY



ACROSS THE BAY TO THE MALIBU MOUNTAINS

Long Beach Club at dinner. The return game was played February 23rd, with the result that we very nearly reversed the score at Long Beach by having a decisive win of 7 to 2. The match was played in the morning and Mr. Ester served a buffet lunch for the players in the grill.

The match with Santa Ana Golf Club, March 1st, at Santa Ana developed into a real competition, Palos Verdes coming out on top with a 5 to 4. The players were guests of the Santa Ana team at luncheon.

The return game with Santa Ana at Palos Verdes, March 9th, was a most exciting and interesting contest. The Palos Verdes team had their backs to the wall, requiring a complete victory of nine points to tie the Long Beach team. We made an excellent showing, winning eight of nine games.

The final standing of the group: Long Beach—22 points. Palos Verdes—21 points. Santa Ana—11 points.

R. L. Harrington captained the team this year and deserves considerable credit for his efforts.

The Tournament Committee has posted a Ringer Tournament starting March 15th, and running to April 20th. This should prove to be an interesting tournament and some low scores will be recorded. We would not be surprised to find some of the players between 55 and 60 for the eighteen holes.

Some real records may be established to shoot at in future years, as many of the players are playing excellent golf at the present time. Results of the tournament will be published in the *Bulletin*.

The "Douglas B. Palmer" Cup 36-Hole Medal Play at handicap will be played March 29th and 30th, eighteen holes on each day. Last year the trophy was won by Al Gruber. It is expected a large list of players will participate.

The Tournament Committee has decided to hold the Palos Verdes Annual Invitational Open this year on the dates allotted by the Southern California Golf Association, July 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th. A real tournament is assured. The committee will publish full details in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.